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Applicant: Nakajima et al.
Serial No.: 10/660,108
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Group Art Unit: 3617
Examiner: Avila, Stephen P.
Confirmation No.: 6857
Title: **ACCESS PORT DECK STRUCTURE FOR A PERSONAL
WATERCRAFT**

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action directed to the above named application mailed on July 12, 2004, please amend the specification and claims of the application as discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record, and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner is not fully convinced of all of the claims now in the application, applicant respectfully requests that he telephonically contact applicant's undersigned representative to expeditiously resolve prosecution of the application.

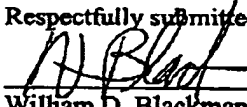
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$352 fee for four independent claims in excess of three to Deposit Account 50-0744 in the name of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C.

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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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